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REPORTS

—OF—

Selectmen, Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1882.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

ALBERT FIELD.

Town Clerk.

ALBERT H. VARNEY.

Selectmen.

JOHN E. SIMPSON,
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,
DANIEL LYNCH

Treasurer.

GEORGE O. PAUL.

Superintending School Committee.

JAMES H. FITTS.

Collector of Taxes.

EPHRAIM G. HILL.

Auditor.

SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the Town.

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To amount in hands of Treasurer, March, 1, 1881,			$60 25
Cash borrowed on notes,			375 00
" received from the State, railroad tax		382 92	
Amount received from the State Savings bank,		414 29	
Amount received from the State Literary fund,		74 82	
			872 03
Amount from the County of Rockingham,			106 87
Amount borrowed, temporary loan,			50 00
" received of District No. 1, half of insurance on town hall,			21 87
Amount received, income from town hall,			14 82
Amount of tax list committed to E. G. Hill, for collection,		5568 83	
Dog tax,		54 00	
		5622 83	
Less Discounts,	443 00		
Less Abatements,	38 74		
		481 74	
			5141 09
			$6641 93

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

1881. CR.

Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows:

E. B. Pendergast, sheep killed by dogs,	$5 00
J. M. Ewin, distributing inventory blanks,	5 00
A. J. Neal, interest on note at 4 per cent,	63 75
D. C. Langlands, note and interest,	201 34
Charles Flood, damage to horse by breaking through bridge,	20 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing town reports,	20 00
County of Rockingham, board of J. L. Beckett,	105 00
C. E. Durrell, teaching in school Dist. No. 1,	365 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on hearse house,	3 75
J. M. Ewin, extra police services,	2 50
J. W. Neal, gravel for highways,	9 00
George E. Lane, Treasurer, County tax,	1291 55
A. W. Austin, care of town hall,	3 16
Fred S. Hatch, services at Coroner's inquest on body of Wm. O'Leary,	5 80
Parsons Doe, keeping and medical attendance on horse injured by railroad,	5 00
George B. Wiggin, breaking roads,	4 15
Geo. E. Lane, Collector's book,	1 36
E. C. Williams, copying town accounts,	3 50
*County of Rockingham, expenses of inquest on body of Wm. O'Leary,	30 87
James Kelly, horse and carriage hire,	4 50
Frank P. Neal, repairs of highways Dist. No. 2,	30 00
W. F. Littlefield, school Dist. No. 2,	70 00
Joseph Smith, board of Jones children,	92 43
Frank P. Neal, repairs of highway Dist. No. 2,	20 00
Wm. E. Gilson, note and interest,	430 06
C. V. Jenness, repairing town hall,	3 70

Paid F. S. Smith, milk furnished M. McDonnell,	5 00
H. L. Scott, Supt. of County farm, board of F. French,	166 00
W. F. Littlefield, repairing of highway, Dist. No. 1,	54 00
Chas. E. Durrell, salaries of teachers in School District, No. 1,	400 00
J. C. Hanson, School books furnished Dist. No. 1,	4 39
F. M. Pillsbury, repairing of highway, "	8 00
F. M. Pillsbury, police service,	4 50
State tax,	864 00
Wm. H. Conner, bill of drain pipe, Dist. No. 1,	38 01
*Adaline Neal,	52 00
Chas. F. Pease, hunting dogs $5.00, bounty on crows, $1.00,	6 00
Wm. E. Gilson, note and interest,	108 33
Chas. S. Clark, horse and carriage hire,	5 00
W. F. Littlefield, salaries of teachers Dist. No. 2,	118 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall,	43 75
J. M. Ewin, police service,	8 00
J. H. Fitts, services as School committee $25.00, printing, $1.00	26 00
Daniel E. Smith, police service,	8 00
Wm. H. Conner, highway Dist. No. 1, sundry bills,	24 68
" " " " labor,	362 85
" " " " breaking roads,	162 35
A. H. Varney, services as town clerk,	38 78
vaccinating 360 persons,	144 00
returning births and deaths,	7 25
Swamscot Machine Co., breaking side walks, highway Dist. No. 1 and furnishing lumber,	36 93

Paid Swamscot Machine Co., coal furnished McDonald,	3	37
Jacob Hersey, 5 sheep killed by dogs,	25	00
H. H. Chesley, sheep damaged by dogs,	5	00
Charles Tuttle, copying inventory,	5	00
D. C. Langlands, services as Selectman,	50	00
Daniel Lynch, " "	40	00
Frank P. Neal, breaking roads Dist. No. 2,	21	75
George P. Hanson, horse and carriage hire,	7	00
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegraphing,	5	58
Shea Trefethen, 60 feet 15 inch drain pipe,	38	80
J. E. Simpson, services as Constable,	8	00
*J. E. Simpson, help to McDonald,	6	00
J. E. Simpson, services as Selectman,	75	25
F. H. Chesley, police services,	3	00
Charles H. Smith, services at road hearing,	34	00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight on drain pipe,	5	48
County Commissioners, services laying out new road on petition of J. Winkley and others,	41	10
Joseph Smith, boarding and clothing of Jones children,	106	27
George D. W. Robinson, watering trough,	3	00
W. F. Littlefield, " "	3	00
W. F. Littlefield, repairs of highway, Dist. No. 3,	61	20
F. M. Pillsbury, police service and expense,	10	50
E. B. Pendergast, damage to sheep by dogs,	21	00
Albert Field, goods furnished McDonald,	4	81
E. G. Hill, services as police officer and collector of taxes,	98	09
*Ann M. Wiggin, board of James L. Tibbets,	24	00
Charles E. Durrell, salaries of teachers, Dist. No. 1,	375	00
W. Warburton, labor on highway,	6	50
C. H. Littlefield, police service and watering trough,	16	00

Paid George O. Paul, services as Treasurer and expense,	36 50
Frank H. Chesley, officers and witness fees in case of State vs. Charles Davis,	9 12
	$6641 56
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	37
	$6641 93

GEORGE O. PAUL, Treasurer.

*Paid by the County.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN, APRIL 1, 1881.

Real Estate,	$230,703 00
Personal property,	69,042 00
Polls,	25,000 00
Rate per $1000 on all taxes, $17.00,	$324,745 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN DEBTS.

Temporary loan,	$50 00	
Notes due to sundry individuals,	3311 42	
Interest Due on the same to March 1, '82,	168 73	
		$3530 15
Less amt. uncollected, S. E. Hayes' list '80,	7 05	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	37	
		7 42
Net amt. Town's Indebtedness,		$3522 73

JOHN E. SIMPSON,
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,
DANIEL LYNCH,
} Selectmen of South Nwemarket.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1882.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

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The State requires the School Committee to present to the town at its annual meeting a statement in detail of the conditions of its several schools. Your committee offers the following report:

The Selectmen made return in April last of 149 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years; 87 boys and 62 girls. The same month copies of the law respecting the compulsory attendance of children at school were furnished the prudential committee to be posted as the law directs. The number of scholars in town not less then five years of age and attending school not less than two weeks is 161; boys 84 and girls 77.

The school appropriation for the year was	$756.00
Raised in addition	500.00
Amount of Literary Fund	74.82
Making an aggregate of	1330.82
Being an average for each enrolled scholar of	8.26

The studies pursued have been Monroe's Spelling, Franklin Readers, White's Arithmetics, Eclectic Series in Geography, Swinton's Grammar, Brown's History of the United States, Greenleaf's Algebra, Well's Science of Common Things, Payson, Dunton and Scribner's Penmanship and Book-keeping. This system of penmanship takes the place of the Duntonian Duplex Copy Book of the last few years. A valuable Writing Tablet illustrating the principles of penmanship has been placed in the Grammar School, and another one in District No. 2. Robinson's Complete Arithmetic revised by Daniel W. Fish has been introduced for the more advanced pupils in the Grammar School. The number of different scholars in town studying Spelling is 161, Penmanship 137, Arithmetic 154, Geography 97, Grammar 80, History 22, Composition 42, Algebra 5, Science of Common Things 6, Drawing 1, Reading 161.

There are in town two school districts with Messrs. Charles E. Durrell and William F. Littlefield, Prudential Committees. We have four schools, classified for convenience as Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and one of Mixed Grade. The teachers employed the past year were the Misses Martha W. Haley, Clara F. Hayes, Harriet E. Sanborn and Flora E. Smith. They were all well known to the community and have shown themselves worthy of confidence and co-operation. In every case each school has continued under the care of the same teacher for the entire school year. It is very pleasant to be able to say that the several teachers have managed their respective schools successfully. They have proved

themselves competent and faithful. Very little complaint has come to your committee, nor has anything in the management of the schools called for special interference on his part. Sincere thanks are due to the prudential committees, teachers, parents, guardians and pupils for their hearty interest and co-operation. Such united interest will enable us to secure all the benefits which our schools afford.

DISTRICT No. 1.

CHARLES E. DURRELL, Prudential Committee.

Money appropriated to the District, $1142.82. Length of schools 31 weeks—two terms of 10 weeks each, and one term of 11 weeks. Whole number of different scholars in the district, 142. They have shown decided improvement in the course of the year. It has been apparent to all in the village that a quiet but firm hand was controlling the schools, very much to the advantage of the scholars and the comfort of the neighborhood. During the winter the schools were interrupted to some degree, and one school was closed for a week, by the general vaccination of teachers and scholars. At the closing examinations the recitations and declamations were rendered in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HARRIET E. SANBORN, Teacher.

Wages per month $35.00. Number of pupils first term 42, average 39; second term 53, average 47; third term 39, average 37. Percentage of daily attendance first term, .846; second term, .872; third term .757. Pupils not absent first term, 5; second term, 8; third term, 1.

Pupils present every half-day without being tardy, first term, Hannah Kelley, Jerry Donovan, Herman Neal; second term, Annie C. Jones, Nancy James, Hannah Kelley, Fannie C. Marden, Jerry Donovan, Wilbur Littlefield, Herman Neal, Levi L. Pollard; third term, Willie C. Hanson. Visits by the superintendent first term, 2; second term, 6; third term, 3; by parents and friends, first term, 9; second term, 29; third term, not including the closing examination, 6; by Prudential Committee second term, 1; third term, 1.

Miss Sanborn has conducted her pupils through the year with her usual faithfulness and success. Her practice of distributing merit cards seems to work admirably. It is a pleasant sight to witness with what emotions of pride and satisfaction the embryo statesman and future Mrs. President come up to the teacher's desk and receive the little talismanic tablets which announce their daily achievements in the mysteries in A B, Abs, or the multiplication table.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Clara F. Hayes, Teacher.

Wages per month $35.00. Number of pupils, first term, 43; average 41; second term, 45, average 43; third term, 36, average 35. Percentage of daily attendance, first term .804, second term, .837, third term, .828. Pupils not absent first term 4, second term 9, third term 0. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Robert Murphy, Alice Palmer, Lynda Ewin, Danie Broderick; second term, John Coe, Rufus Pease, Fred Littlefield, Martin Quinn, Frank Hayden, John Lynch, Eugene Donovan, Mabel Sanborn, Nellie Pease. Visits by superintendent, first term, 2, second term, 3, third term 3; by prudential committee, first term, 1, second

term, 1, third term 1; by parents and friends, first term, 6, second term, 9, third term, 15.

There is in this school but little variation from term to term in the routine of its steady work. Always a pleasant school to look in upon. Whenever visited it was found orderly and attentive. Both teacher and pupils were interested and faithful.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MARTHA W. HALEY, Teacher.

Wages per month first and second terms $52.00; third term $56.00. Number of pupils first term 38, average 31; second term, 37; average 35; third term, 35, average 34. Percentage of daily attendance first term, .903; second term .886; third term, .853. Pupils present every half day, first term, Maggie E. Kelley, Hugh F. Kelley, Mathew G. Kelley, Eddie Ewin; second term, Maggie E. Kelley, Ralph E. Conner, Nellie Marden, George W. Lyons, Charles A. Sanborn; third term, Nellie Badger, Charles L. Hanson. Visits by superintendent, first term, 3; second term, 4; third term, 4; by prudential committee, first term, 1; second term, 2; third term, 3; by parents and friends, first term, 14; second term, 15; third term, 32.

At the beginning of the year this school, fortunately, fell into the hands of Miss Haley. Under her excellent discipline and methodical instruction the pupils could hardly fail to make commendable progress. The school has gained a reputation for good order, studiousness and steady advancement. Especially have the older scholars done themselves and the school great credit.

DISTRICT No. 2.

WILBUR F. LITTLEFIELD, Prudential Committee.

Money appropriated to the District, $188.00. The school-room has been made even more pleasant than usual by a clock which ticks merrily from the wall. Here were pupils ranging from the age of five years to that of twenty-eight years; and studies from the primer to natural philosophy and the science of government.

Flora E. Smith, teacher. Wages per month, first term, $24.00; second term, $28.00. Length of school, 24 weeks—one term of 11 weeks and one of 13 weeks. Number of scholars first term, 18; average, 16; second term, 13, average 10. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, .94; second term, 100. Daniel R. Smith was present, and Herbert W. Smith present without being tardy, every half day of the second term. Visits by school committee first term, 4, second term, 4; parents and friends, first term, 37, second term 41.

The school is of a size to bring all of the pupils under the closest personal attention of the teacher. A resident of the District, and but lately among its scholars, the teacher entered upon her work in a manner destined to achieve success. Having the good will of her former companions, commendable progress was made in all the branches taught. Several pupils were absent at the last visits of the committee, but the exercises of those present proved the faithfulness of the work done by both teacher and scholars. So few is the number when all attend, it seems a pity that anything should keep children away. A prize consisting of one of Jane Porter's popular books, offered by Mr. Charles E. Smith for proficiency in spelling, was awarded at the close of the second term to Herbert W. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, March 4, 1882.

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